

Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



Residence Inn Charlottesville Downtown Charlottesville, VA

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations, and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

Residence Inn Charlottesville Downtown

Extended Stay all suite hotel with fully equipped kitchens, living space. Hotel offers meeting space, salt water pool, fitness room, social and media pods. Hotel is within walking distance to everything in downtown Charlottesville.

We are a brand new hotel that just opened in downtown Charlottesville and offer a new hotel that is both modern and energy efficient.

For more 'green' specific information: www.marriott.com

Virginia Green Activities

This facility pledges that they:

Offer optional linen service

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Train housekeeping staff on our process for optional linen service
- Purchase water- and energy-efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

Recycle

- Plastic Bottles
- Aluminum cans
- Newspaper

- Office paper

Other items recycled by the facility:

- Printer/ copy machine toner cartridges
- Cardboard
- Electronics equipment such as computers, etc.

Reduce solid waste

- Instruct housekeeping staff to save and reuse unopened items
- Donate excess food from events
- Use disposable foodservice items that are made from recycled content
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper
- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Reuse or donate shipping and packing supplies (peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.)
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible
- Install carpet with sustainable or recycled content and low-VOC adhesives
- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Properly recycle and/or dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides in landscaping

Use water efficiently

- Track overall water usage and wastewater costs
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Have installed high efficiency dishwashers
- Have installed low flow faucets and showerheads (use less than 2.5 gallons per minute)
- Have installed low flow toilets (use 1.6 gallons per flush or less)
- Have installed waterless urinals
- Have installed automatic faucets or toilets in public restrooms
- Have minimized our lawn area
- Have installed pervious pavement to reduce storm water runoff

Conserve energy

- Track overall energy bills
- Have individual thermostats for each room; ensure they are correctly adjusted
- Have installed ENERGY STAR-rated windows and doors
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system

- Have installed a high efficiency HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on
- Use natural lighting (i.e., open draperies and raise shades whenever adequate light from windows is available)
- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights
- Use occupancy sensors to turn on/off lights
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off lights in unoccupied rooms
- Have installed high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T-5 and T-8)
- Have installed compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and canned lighting
- Have installed LED Exit Signs
- Have installed directional (downward-facing) lighting in parking areas and other outdoor areas
- Have adopted a policy/practice to minimize the use of lighting during night cleaning
- Use ENERGY STAR qualified appliances (commercial kitchens, heating and cooling, consumer electronics)
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used

Offer a green events package

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- Include the availability of "green meetings/conferences" in marketing packages (see the factsheet on Environmentally-Responsible Conferences & Events)



For more information on **Residence Inn Charlottesville Downtown**, see www.marriott.com or contact Eric Pfister at Eric.Pfister@marriott.com or 434-220-0075.

For more information on the Virginia Green program,

see www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx.

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